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SUBJECT: RESHUFFLE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS IN GOI MINISTRIES

1. GOI HAS ANNOUNCED CHANGES IN FOLLOWING SENIOR POSITIONS IN MINISTRIES: (NOTE: COMMENTS ARE CLASSIFIED LOU; OTHER PORTIONS ARE UNCLASSIFIED.)

A. SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURES, MINISTRY OF FINANCE--  
MR. P. J. FERNANDEZ, SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND  
FERTILIZERS VICE MR. H.N. RAY.

BEGIN LOU. COMMENT: MR. FERNANDEZ WAS PRINCIPAL OFFICIAL IN SHAPING GOI POLICIES REGARDING PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY. WE CONSIDER HIM A MODERATE IN HIS APPROACH TO FOREIGN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES AND HIS MOVE TO A NEW POSITION MAY IMPACT ON GOI PHARMACEUTICAL POLICY WHICH IS YET TO BE ANNOUNCED. HIS REPLACEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN NAMED. END LOU.

B. SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF  
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INDUSTRIES-- MR. V. KRISHNAMURTHI, CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING  
DIRECTOR OF BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS VICE MR. MANTOSH  
SONDHI.

BEGIN LOU. COMMENT: MR. KRISHNAMURTHI HAS PERFORMED WELL AT BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS, ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC SECTOR COMPANIES. END LOU.

C. SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES-- MR. MANTOSH SONDHI, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES VICE MR. SARAN SINGH.

BEGIN LOU. COMMENT: MR.SONDHI IS CONSIDERED TO BE A VERY CAPABLE AND EFFECTIVE GOI SENIOR OFFICIAL. END LOU.

D. SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF FOOD, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION-- MR. R. BALASUBRAMANIAM, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF FOOD, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE VICE MR. G.C.C. JUNEJA.

BEGIN LOU. COMMENT: HE HAD KEY ROLE IN DECISIONS RELATED TO RSRAIN IMPORT IN PREVIOUS POSITION. HE IS TECHNICALLY AND ADMINISTRATIVELY CAPABLE. WE VIEW HIM AS FAVORABLE IN HIS ATTITUDES TOWARD US. HE HAS BEEN TO US UNDER USDA SPONSORSHIP. END LOU.

E. SECRETARY,DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES--MR. S.S. MARATHE, CHAIRMAN OF BUREAU OF COSTS, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES VICE MR. MOHAMMAD FAZAL.  
F. SECRETARY, PLANNING COMMISSION-- DR. AJIT MAJUMDAR, ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK VICE MR. S.K. RAO.

G. SECRETARY, DEPARTMENTOF TEXTILES, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES-- MR. S. K. RAO VICE MR. S. S. PURI.

H. SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF POWER, MINISTRY OF ENERGY-- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MR. R.V. SUBRAMANIAM, ADVISER TO GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU VICE MR. Y.T. SHAH.

I. SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF COMPANY AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF LAW AND COMPANY AFFAIRS-- MR. P. KRISHNAMURTHI, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE VICE MR. K. K. RAY.

J. SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PRODUCTION, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE--MR. S. BANERJEE VICE MR. M. M. SEN.

K. SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE--MR. P. SUBHANAYAGAM, SECRETARY, DEPRTMENT OF REHABILITATION, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE VICE MR. K.N. CHANNA.

BEGIN LOU. COMMENT. MR. SUBHANAYAGAM IS A CAPABLE SENIOR GOI OFFICIAL WITH FAVORABLE VIEWS TOWARDS US. HIS SON IS DOING GRADUATE WORK AT COLUMBIA.

2. GENERAL COMMENT: ADDITIONAL CHANGES IN SENIOR-LEVEL GOI POSITIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED BY NEW GOVERNMENT AS IT MOVES TO RESTRUCTURE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY. TWO OF OUTGOING OFFICIALS, MR. K. K. RAY, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF COMPANY AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF LAW AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MR. MOHAMMAD FAZAL, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES, ARE CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE SANJAY GANDHI "CAUCUS" AND THIS PROBABLY EXPLAINS THEIR REMOVAL. NO PARTICULAR POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE ATTACHED TO THE OTHER TRANSFERS. END LOU.  
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